suitable revision of the 'baselines' as notified by Pakistan insofar as they impinge upon India's sovereign jurisdiction. Government unequivocally reject as unacceptable the coordinate point (K) 23 33.90N ... 68 07.80E referred to in the notification as it encroaches upon the territorial waters of India which are within its sovereign jurisdiction.

Indo-Israel Agreement

1228. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the specific aspects of mutual cooperation with Israel were discussed during the recent visit of the President of Israel; and

(b) the details of the agreements and memoranda of understanding if any, signed with Israel during the visit?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Discussion with Israel during the recent visit of the President of Israel covered the entire gamut of the bilateral cooperation. The specific aspect included, amongst others, areas of agriculture, science & technology, research & development, human resource development, trade, education and culture.

(b) (i) Agreement on Technical Cooperation between the Governments of India and Israel, for promotion of their mutual technical cooperation, including by exchange of experts and provision of training opportunities.

(ii) Memorandum of Intent between the two Governments, for a joint high-tech agricultural demonstration cooperation project.

(iii) Umbrella Agreement on the Development of Cooperation in the field of Industrial and Technological Research and Development, between the two Governments, to identify and facilitate the establishment of joint industrial research and development projects in the fields of industrial research and technological development.

(iv) Programme for Cultural and Educational Cooperation between the two Governments, containing the agreement for the programme of exchanges in these areas for the years 1997-99.

Acquisition of Missiles and Weapons by Pakistan

1229. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan having acquired missiles and sophisticated weapons, including pilotless remote controlled surveillance planes from USA, China and elsewhere has started a campaign against India alleging deployment of Pakistan specific Prithvi Missiles; and

(b) the precise protestations made by Pakistan during the last four months; and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The acquisition and induction of weapon systems by Pakistan is monitored and assessed by the Government. Government are also aware of public statements made by Pakistani leaders and the Official Spokesman of the Pakistan Foreign Office which *inter-alia* states that the Prithvi missile "threatened a ballistic missile arms race in South Asia and posed a threat to peace in the region" and that "the venture was aimed specifically against Pakistan". Government have consistently stated that the missiles being developed under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGDMP) including the Prithvi missile, are intended to enable India to cope with the situation in our neighbourhood in the light of our own assessments.